



**FIRST MEETING OF SAT/14/TASK FORCE
SAT14/TF1**

(Sal, Cape Verde, 10-12 June 2009)

Agenda Item 5: Improvement of the airspace structure in the EUR/SAM Corridor

LHDs MONITORING TEAM

(Presented by SATMA)

SUMMARY

This WP proposes to every SAT ACC to nominate a focal point as part of the EUR-SAM Corridor LHD monitoring team (ACC focal points) and interface with SATMA for all items relative with LHD

1. INTRODUCTION

During the period July 2.007-2.008 a total of 43 LHD have been received by SATMA, the totality of these 43 deviations were caused by operational errors in the coordination between adjacent ACC's. The most common operational error, 83, 7% of the LHD reports, was "entry into airspace at incorrect flight level", (lack of revision of the cleared flight level to the next ACC), the rest of operational errors, 16, 3% were caused by "lack of the transmission of the aircraft estimate (flight data) to the next ACC".

SATMA is concern that probably not all LHD's has been reported and encourages all SAT States to continue making efforts monitoring and reporting all possible LHD's, but also it is necessary to improve safety all along the Corridor with the objective of reducing de number of LHD's caused by operational errors, minimizing its effects. With this aim SATMA proposes to every SAT ACC to nominate a person as "focal point" acting as interface SATMA/ respective ACC sending all LHD,s monthly reports and others reports in relation with LHD.

2. DISCUSSION

Every ACC of the EUR-SAM Corridor should nominate a person as "focal point" (name, e-mail and phone). The focal point of each ACC

2.1 The LHD monitoring focal points should:

- a) Be responsible for sending, with the defined format, before day 15th. Of each month, a monthly report to SATMA about all LHD's detected in the respective ACC during the month, even if no LHD is reported. In case that an specific ACC of the Corridor repetitively omit this LHD monthly report, SATMA could give advise to ICAO about this repetitive omission
- b) On SATMA request, be responsible to send to SATMA the conclusions of possible LHD, s investigation.
- c) Initiate proposals about new operational coordination procedures between adjacent ACC's and submit them to SATMA for approving in SAT meetings.
- d) Be responsible to monitor in each ACC the implementation of possible common operational procedures to reduce the operational errors in the coordination between adjacent ATC units

2.2 SATMA will nominate a LHD coordinator (name, e-mail and phone). The SATMA coordinator, will be the receptor of all LHD reports, as well as the conclusions of possible LHD, s investigation, and will be the interface between SATMA and the LHD focal point in each ACC. The SATMA LHD coordinator should be able to request to the LHD focal point additional information about a detailed LHD.

2.3 A non identified LHD's data base will be created by SATMA. The operational errors that caused every LHD will be classified and categorised. As there is not still a common official categorization of the LHD's for all RMA's, States will follow the approved SATMA application form . In every SAT Meeting, SATMA will present a report about the situation and evolution of the LHD's due to operational errors detected in the Corridor.

3 Action by THE MEETING

The SAT14/TF1 Meeting is invited to discus this WP and take a decision about the creation and functions of a LHD focal point in each ACC
